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LIMOUSINE LIBERAL SEEKING BREAKOUT WIN IN SATURDAY'S GRADE III, \$100,000 ARISTIDES AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, June 1, 2016) – Katherine Ball's 4-year-old homebred **Limousine Liberal** will attempt to land his first career stakes win when he tackles six rivals, including defending champ **Alsvid**, in Saturday's 28th running of the \$100,000 Aristides (Grade III) at Churchill Downs.

A competitive field of seven 3-year-olds and up were entered Wednesday for Saturday's six-furlong sprint. The Aristides, named in honor of the inaugural Kentucky Derby winner of 1875, is one of two stakes events on Saturday's 11-race program. Churchill Downs' first race is 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern). The Aristides goes as Race 10 at approximately 5:21 p.m. and the inaugural \$67,000-added Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes, a five-furlong sprint on the Matt Winn Turf Course, is the ninth race at approximately 4:51 p.m.

Limousine Liberal, trained by Lexington-based **Ben Colebrook**, has run fast against top competition but has yet to win a stakes event. A winner of three races and \$254,220 in seven starts, the gelded son of Successful Appeal was second in last summer's \$500,000 King's Bishop (GI) at Saratoga – won by 2015 champion sprinter **Runhappy** – and \$300,000 Gallant Bob (GIII) at Parx before finishing 11th of 14 in the \$1.375 million TwinSpires.com Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI) at Keeneland.

Limousine Liberal's 4-year-old debut at Keeneland on April 9 was magnificent as he set a clear pace and drew off in the stretch under a hand ride to score a 4 ½-length victory in 1:15.05, which was a 6 ½-furlong track record.

Four weeks later, Limousine Liberal set the pace in the \$500,000 Churchill Downs (GII) on Kentucky Derby Day – a swift :22.24 for the first quarter mile and :44.64 for the half – but faltered late down the lane and finished four lengths back of winner **Catalina Red** in sixth.

Three of Limousine Liberal's Aristides rivals are stakes winners: nine-time stakes champ and millionaire **Alsvid** (41-13-11-7—\$1,172,618); three-time stakes hero **Barbados** (13-4-3-1—\$369,720), winner of last year's Spectacular Bid and Hutcheson (GIII) at Gulfstream Park for trainer **Mike Tomlinson**; and the **Bob Baffert**-trained 3-year-old **Toews On Ice** (8-4-1-2—\$307,700), who won his fourth stakes event when capturing the William Walker on Opening Night of the Spring Meet.

Alsvid, who beat 2014 champion sprinter **Work All Week** by two lengths to win last year's Aristides in 1:09.34 for **James Rogers' Black Hawk Stable** and trainer **Chris Hartman**, returns to dirt after finishing second to **Rocket Heat** in the \$150,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (GIII) on the Kentucky Oaks undercard. **Alsvid** is seeking his first victory since winning the Aristides. He has four seconds and four thirds in an 11-race winless stretch.

The complete Aristides field from the rail out (with jockeys): **Toews On Ice** (Channing Hill), **Barbados** (Joe Rocco Jr.), **Limousine Liberal** (Corey Lanerie), **Union Jackson** (Ricardo Santana Jr.), **Alsvid** (Chris Landeros), **Grande Basin** (Miguel Mena) and **Schivarelli** (Robby Albarado). **Toews On Ice** will carry 118 pounds, while all others tote 120.

Stonestreet Stables' immaculately-bred 4-year-old **Union Jackson** will test stakes-company for the first time after winning four of his first six starts for trainer **Steve Asmussen**, including a 4 ½-length romp in a conditioned allowance-optional claiming event at Keeneland on April 15.

Union Jackson's sire **Curlin** was the 2007-08 Horse of the Year and winner of the 2008 Stephen Foster Handicap (GI) at Churchill Downs. His dam **Hot Dixie Chick** broke her maiden at Churchill Downs by 5 ¾ lengths in 2009 before winning three consecutive stakes races, led by the Grade I Spinaway at Saratoga.

The **Eddie Kenneally**-trained **Schivarelli** is scheduled for his first start in 306 days. Unraced since Aug. 3, the 5-year-old Florida-bred was runner-up to **Viva Majorca** in last June's \$67,750 Kelly's Landing at Churchill Downs.

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Grande Basin was supplemented to the race for \$3,000 at the time of entry. The 4-year-old Louisiana-bred won three consecutive races at Fair Grounds this winter but was never a threat in a Keeneland allowance-optional claiming event in his first start for trainer **Dallas Stewart**.

A pair of \$600,000-earners, nine-time Ohio-bred stakes winner **Rivers Run Deep** (26-12-7-3—\$686,200) and five-time stakes winner **Hogy** (33-14-6-4—\$687,412), are among 11 older horses entered in a deep first running of the Mighty Beau. The field (with jockeys): Rivers Run Deep (Albin Jimenez); **Ray'swarrior** (Landeros); **Billy Two Hats** (Jesus Castanon); **Wilbo** (Santana); **Latent Revenge** (Francisco Torres); **Buccherio** (Marcelino Pedroza Jr.); **Made Bail** (Jack Gilligan); **Tiger Tank** (Lanerie); **Shadow Rock** (Mena); Hoky (Rocco); and **Bottle Rocket** (Brian Hernandez Jr.).

Churchill Downs admission gates will open Saturday at 11:30 a.m. General Admission is \$3, reserved seating is \$10 and reserved dining packages are \$38. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at ChurchillDowns.com/Tickets.

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